

Energy and Environment Committee

Action Minutes for October 7, 2004

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Energy and Environment Committee. Audio recordings of the meeting may be heard in the SCAG office during office hours.

Then Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Hank Kuiper, Imperial County. There was a quorum.

Committee Chair: Hank Kuiper, Imperial County
Committee Vice Chair: Margaret Clark, Rosemead

Members Present

Clark, Margaret
Cook, Debbie
Forester, Larry
Krause, Mary Anne
Kuiper, Hank
Miller, Michael
Nelson, Larry
Portantino, Anthony
Washburn, Dennis
Young, Toni

Representing

Rosemead
Huntington Beach
Signal Hill
Santa Paula
Imperial
West Covina
Artesia
La Cañada/Flintridge
Calabasas
Port Hueneme

Members Absent

Ashley, Marion
Eckenrode, Norman
Feinstein, Michael
Harrison, Jon
Marchand, Paul
Van Arsdale, Lori
Yoon, Art

Representing

Riverside
Placentia
Santa Monica
Redlands
Cathedral City
Hemet
Hermosa Beach

New Members

None

Representing

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Hon. Hank Kuiper, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Council member Larry Nelson asked the Committee to add the Pledge of Allegiance on future agendas.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes of October 7, 2004

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix

4.2.2 Intergovernmental Review (IGR)

Motion by Young to approve the Consent Calendar, Seconded by Washburn, then Approved by the Committee.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Salton Sea Authority Resolution

Dan Griset, SCAG Staff, presented Resolution 04-455-1 in support of the Salton Sea Authority's efforts to identify and implement corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Salton Sea and urging early State and local cooperation on action plans and funding.

The Salton Sea Authority's Preferred Project Alternative, which this RC Resolution would support, has the following objectives:

- Permitting the continued use of the Salton Sea as a reservoir for irrigation drainage
- Reducing and stabilizing the overall salinity of the Salton Sea
- Stabilizing the surface elevation of the Salton Sea and enhancing potential recreational uses and economic development of the Salton Sea

Motion by Young to recommend that the Regional Council approve Resolution 04-455-1, Seconded by Cook, then Approved by the Committee.

5.2 Intergovernmental Framework for Water Quality

Dan Griset, SCAG Staff, presented a recommendation from the Water Policy Task Force on an intergovernmental framework for water quality. The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) was asked to recommend that the Regional Council authorize the Executive Director to offer SCAG's assistance to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board for development of an intergovernmental framework through which comprehensive and coordinated Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation planning can be done for water quality compliance in the Los Angeles River watershed.

Motion by Forester to concur the recommendation of the Water Policy Task Force to approve participation of the Executive Director, Seconded by Washburn, then Approved by the Committee.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 AQMD's Model Air Quality Element

Terry Mc Call, AQMD, briefed the Committee on the SCAQMD's Model Air Quality Element. As part of the General Plan the Air Quality Element is intended to encourage cities and counties to adopt an Air Quality Element to help protect citizens within their boundaries and to collectively improve air quality throughout Southern California.

6.2 Children's Health Study

Richard Bode, ARB, briefed the Committee on a joint study with the University of Southern California (USC) which has provided findings on the effects of air pollution on children's health. The study followed more than 5500 children in twelve southern California communities from elementary to high school to track how different outdoor air pollution exposures affect respiratory health.

6.3 Air Quality Update

Ted Harris, SCAG Staff, briefed the Committee on the planned process to address new transportation air quality conformity received by the US EPA that requires SCAG to make a conformity determination on the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) for the 8-hour ozone standard by June 15, 2005.

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7.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE

Next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2004 at SCAG.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Hank Kuiper reported on the status of his re-election.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

None

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Staff submitted a handout of potential agenda items.

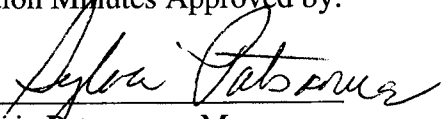
11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Hank Kuiper, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm. The next meeting will be held in the SCAG offices on Thursday, November 4, 2004.

Action Minutes Approved by:


Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager
Energy and Environment